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ABSTRACT

1. This report identifies and delineates the major army units subordinate to the West Infantry Division of the Second Army Group, North Korea. The report is based on analysis of all photographic coverage from October 1972 through December 1973 and contains a location map, a table, and one photograph.

INTRODUCTION

2. The North Korean Second Army Group is responsible for the security of the westernmost sector of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and commands five infantry divisions and a medium tank regiment. The major elements of an infantry division are three infantry regiments, an artillery regiment, a mortar regiment, a tank company, and a headquarters area.

3. This report is the second of a series¹ on divisions within the Second Army Group and is designed to realign the boundaries of the existing Basic Encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The realignment of the BE boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future, the entire West Infantry Division will be reported under the existing BE number now assigned to the headquarters area. The area nomenclature and boundaries have been arbitrarily assigned for reporting purposes.

4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions within the Second Army Group. Supplemental reports will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

5. The West Infantry Division (Figures 1 and 2), a subordinate and reserve division of the Second Army Group, occupies the west sector of the Second Army Group area of responsibility.

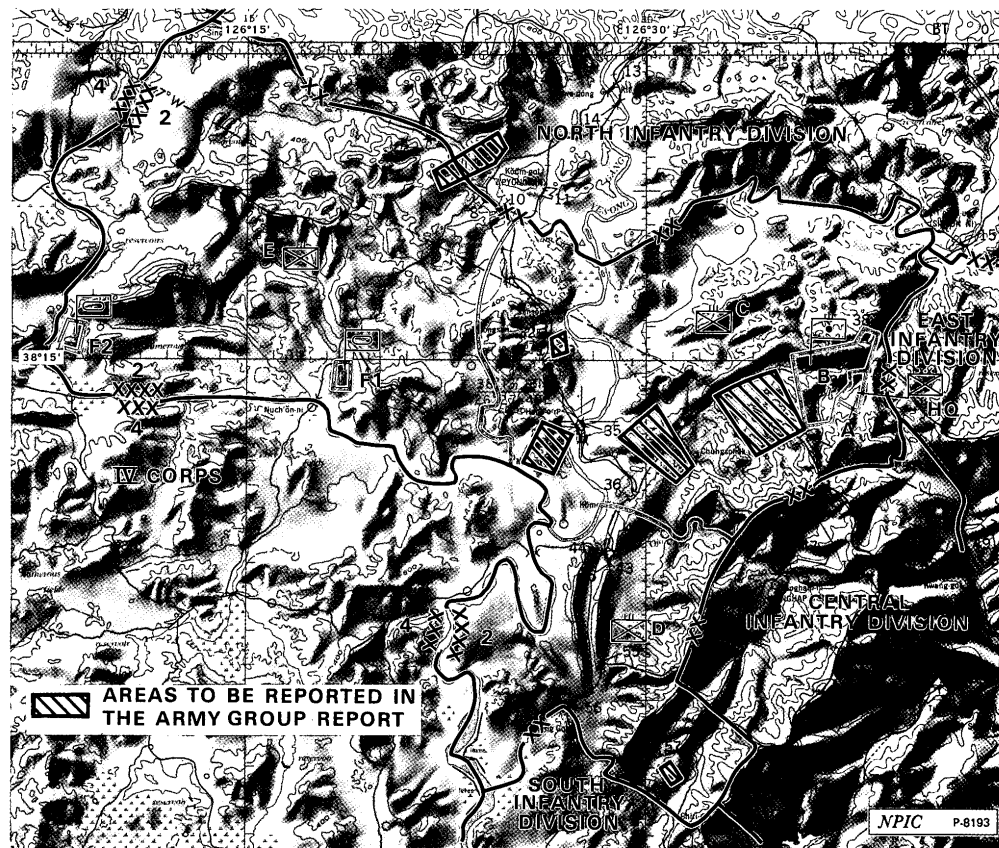


FIGURE 1. LAYOUT OF WEST INFANTRY DIVISION, SECOND ARMY GROUP, NORTH KOREA

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The mortar regiment subordinate to the division is unidentified. The West Infantry Division area is bounded to the east at 38-12N 126-39E, to the south at 38-01N 126-31E, to the west at the Yesong River and 38-15N 126-08E, and to the north at 38-25N 126-14E and 38-18N 126-41E. The adjacent defense sectors are: to the north, the North Infantry Division; to the east, the East Infantry Division and the Central Infantry Division; to the south, the South Infantry Division; and to the west, the Fourth Corps. Table 1 lists the units within the West Infantry Division with their geographic coordinates and associated BE numbers. The areas listed below are keyed to Figures 1 and 2 and to Table 1.

Sokchon-ni Barracks Storage and Headquarters Infantry Division

6. This division headquarters area (area A) consists of one headquarters building, four administration buildings, 17 barracks, three messhalls, numerous quarters and support buildings, and an automatic-weapons firing range.

Sokchon-ni Headquarters Artillery Regiment and Barracks Area

7. This artillery regimental area (area B) consists of one headquarters building, five administration buildings, 35 barracks, two messhalls (one O-shaped), and numerous quarters and support buildings.

Hanpo-ri Training Area West-Northwest

8. This infantry regimental area (area C) consists of three administration buildings, 19 barracks, 14 barracks/quarters, four messhalls, six vehicle sheds, numerous support buildings, and a howitzer battery with six tunnel-served artillery revetments.

Tokchong-gol Army Barracks Area Southeast

9. This infantry regimental area (area D) consists of one headquarters building, three administration buildings, 19 barracks (five large C-shaped), four messhalls, one auditorium, 11 vehicle sheds, and numerous quarters and support buildings.

Pyongsan Storage West

10. This infantry regimental area (area E) consists of one headquarters building, six administration buildings, 43 barracks, four messhalls, 14 vehicle maintenance and storage buildings, an underground vehicle storage facility with two tunnel entrances, and numerous storage/support buildings.

Nuchon-ni Armor Installation

11. This division has two separate tank companies (areas F1 and F2). Area F1 consists of one administration building, eight barracks, one messhall, numerous support buildings, a tracked-vehicle driver-training course, and four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance. Area F2 consists of three barracks, one messhall, eight support buildings, a tracked-vehicle driver-training course, and four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance.

Table 1. West Infantry Division
(Keyed to Figures 1 and 2)

Area	Unit	Installation & BE Number	Geographic Coordinates
A	Inf Div Hq	Sokchon-ni Bks Stor & Hq Inf Div	38-14-23N 126-37-50E
B	Arty Regt	Sokchon-ni Hq Arty Regt & Bks Area	38-15-53N 126-38-29E
C	Inf Regt	Hanpo-ri Trng Area WNW	38-13-45N 126-26-30E
D	Inf Regt	Tokchong-gol Army Bks Area SE	38-04-12N 126-28-42E
E	Inf Regt	Pyongsan Storage West	38-21-20N 126-17-50E
F1 & F2	Tank Co	Nuchon-ni Armor Installation	38-14-05N 126-18-25E

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